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## "A Ladder To Success Is Never Ending"

*Tallest Girl* .....Jean Brown  
*Tallest Boy* .....Standaly Smith  
*Shortest Girl* .....Selena Green  
*Shortest Boy* .....Roscoe Pullen  
*Brainiest* .....Shirley Claxton  
*Sharpest Girls* .....Ora Shaw, Rosa York  
*Sharpest Boys* .....George Bradley, Tom Evans, George Cobbins  
*Most Attractive Girls* .....Shirley Coleman, Vernell Brown, Emmie Green  
*Most Handsome Boy* .....Langston Walker  
*Most Suave* .....Samuel Thomas  
*Cutest Boys* .....John Scott, Roscoe Pullen  
*Cutest Girls* .....Doris Carter, Barbara Pannell  
*Coollest Boys* .....Beverly Sorrell, Welford Brown  
*Most Captivating* .....Emmie Norvell Green  
*Most Unassuming Boy* .....James Ward  
*Most Unassuming Girl* .....Patricia Gills  
*Prettiest Complexion (Boy)* .....John Scott  
*Prettiest Complexion (Girl)* .....Eloise Pullen  
*Best Shape* .....Helen Cox, Ora Shaw, Carolyn Elliott  
*Best Physique* .....George Cobbins, Tom Evans  
*Most Popular Girl* .....Helen Camm  
*Most Popular Boy* .....Frank Saunders  
*Friendliest* .....Carolyn Lewis  
*Prettiest Eyes (Boy)* .....John Scott  
*Prettiest Eyes (Girls)* .....Susie Kimbrough, Barbara King  
*Prettiest Legs* .....Ora Shaw  
*Most Artistic* .....Edward Jackson, Lawrence Spencer  
*Most Chic* .....June Parrish, Frances Abrams  
*Most Ostentatious* .....Helen Cox  
*Most Serene* .....Doris Shelton, Nancy Lee  
*Biggest Jivers* .....William Yorke, Raymond Loving  
Wayland Mitchell, George Haskins, Langston Walker  
*Neatest (Girls)* .....Janice Robinson, Janet Lee, Kathleen Ross  
*Neatest (Boys)* .....Claude Davis, Garland Coleman, Silas Snead  
*Most Sincere* .....Jean Hubbard, Frances Scruggs  
*Most Garrulous* .....Delois Mosley, Jolly Minor, Alfred Jones  
*Most Pessimistic* .....Joyce McCain

*Most Optimistic* .....Joan Brown  
*Class Flirt* .....Blanche Smith  
*Most Versatile* .....Jolly Minor  
*Best Dressed Girls* .....Janice Robinson, Barbara Anderson  
*Best Dressed Boys* .....George Cobbins, William Yorke, Claude Davis  
*Most Innocent* .....Barbara King, Gloria Mosley, Claudine Burton  
*Quietest* .....Mildred Payne, Wilbur Franklin, Robert Tucker,  
Elnora Reeves, Yvonne Robinson, Geraldine Brown, Samuel Glover  
*Best Cook* .....Gladys Tweedy  
*Most Stylish* .....Elizabeth Jeffries, Rosa York  
*Prettiest Hands* .....Lelia Smith  
*Most Carefree* .....Barbara Hawkins  
*Best Singers* .....Carolyn Lewis, Alvalaz Hale,  
Langston Walker, Janet Lee  
*Most Lady Like* .....Joan Brown  
*Most Gentleman Like* .....Beverly Sorrell, Robert Fuller  
*Most Likely to Succeed* .....James Miller  
*Most Tenacious* .....James Norfleet  
*Most Bashful* .....James Woods, Wilbur Franklin, Otha Nowlin  
*Most Indolent* .....Audrey Lee  
*Best Seamstress* .....Emma Mack  
*Prettiest Hair* .....Eloise Pullen, Claudith Irving,  
Charles Gardner, William Early  
*Most Mischievous* .....Claude Davis, Clifton Clarke  
*Best Sport* .....Mary Hall  
*Most Congenial* .....Blanche Smith  
*Biggest Eater* .....Standaly Smith  
*Best Athletes* .....Joseph Pullen, William Yorke, Mildred Coles  
*Greatest Lover* .....Melvin Jones  
*Deepest Dimples* .....Glenda Mitchell  
*Fastest Talkers* .....Joyce McCain, Frances Abrams  
*Most Complaining* .....Corrine and Collene Anderson  
*Most Sarcastic* .....Frances Abrams  
*Four Musqueteers* .....Elaine Thornhill, Yvonne Andrews,  
Barbara Pannell, Shirley Coleman  
*Most Retired* .....Carolyn Taylor, Delores Johnson  
*Most Fun Loving* .....Marjorie McCory

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### Two Words To The Wise

Ever since the first graduating class left Dunbar (or some other high school) it has been customary to speed the graduates on their way with a few words of advice. Many words will be said, and many will be forgotten, so it seems necessary to condense them into as brief a space as possible.

Institutions, organizations, and other groups have tried to make their advice and ideals effective and easy to remember by coining a slogan. On most U. S. Marine insignia you will usually find two words that might be worth remembering by this month's graduates. The words, written in Latin, are "Semper Paratus." Any one of Miss Lomax's Latin students will tell you that the

### The Ladder To Success

By Shirley Claxton

When I entered Dunbar four and one half years ago, I stepped up a few more rungs on the ladder to success. Success may be defined as a degree of obtaining one's goal. Most of us begin striving for some goal when we are very young and at first we put forth childish efforts to reach our goal: later realizing that a goal is never quite reached because when we get there we are not willing to stay; no one is willing to settle for just best and let it rest. The human race always strives for perfection, a paradoxical goal which if reached, would onset another goal to be reached; the goal of obtaining this perfection. Having slowly progressed up the ladder for four and one half

### PLEASE BE THE BEST!

E. L. Chafin

It is a good thing that we cannot read in advance what will be written in our books during the coming years. If we could, that knowledge alone would make us complacent.

Steinmetz says, "The man who is hard to satisfy moves forward. The man who sits back comfortably and is contented with what he has accomplished moves backward. If I were able to bequeath every young man just one virtue, I would give him the spirit of *divine discontent*, for without it the world would stand still."

You are the first students to be graduated from the Business Department of Dunbar High School. All "firsts" have added responsibilities along with the honors, the greatest of which is to clear the trail for the ones behind you.

I have noticed a habit you have of skimming through articles, skipping the trimming, and looking for the "topic sentence." Well, I hid it in the middle—the trimming is important too. Here's your topic sentence: "I'm PROUD of you, Robert, Wayland, John, George, Frances, Corrine, Geraldine, Doris, Carolyn, Patricia, Claudith, Joyce, June, and Blanche. I sincerely believe that you'll never betray my confidence in you. You should feel proud of yourself, knowing that as Dunbar has served you, so have you served your school. And you have done so quite well. Faith in oneself is the root of all faiths. The lack of it can paralyze life."

Today business is the great integrating force in our society. The opportunities in the days ahead will be greater than ever. You have developed certain skills

### Elementary Schools In Instrumental Music Concert

An Elementary School Instrumental Music Concert was given on Wednesday, May 19 at the Robert S. Payne Elementary School. The time of the concert was 1:00 p.m. Pupils participating were from Armstrong, Payne, and Yoder schools. One hundred and one (101) took part. The program was in four parts: Beginning Strings, Intermediate Strings, Beginning Band, and Intermediate Band. The program consisted of concert ensemble music, solos, and duets.

The following special selections were performed: A trumpet solo, Jean Waltz-Buchtel by Ernest Dean. Saxophone solo—Kreisler-Ranger by Robert Betts. A vocal duet—It Is No Secret—Hamblen by Eleanor and Ethel Reid. Lucile Withers was at the piano.

Outstanding number by the beginning band—"Drumsticks."

Outstanding number by the Intermediate band—"Hillbilly Band."

Beginning Strings—"There Is Music In The Air."

Intermediate Strings—Grandfather's Clock—(The members of this Ensemble sang and played.)

The Elementary School Band (Forty Members) also furnished music for the Robert S. Payne and Yoder May Day Program.

life, a sense of direction, a standard by which he may judge his inner impulses and his overt behavior. The terms of human association, the worth and dignity and respect men accord one another, the sense of justice they entertain, their willingness to cooperate

### Inquiring Reporter

By Mildred Payne

To the Seniors: As you leave "Dear Old Dunbar" we know there are many persons, activities, and classes that will be missed by you. As a Senior of 1954, "What will you miss most when you graduate?"

Beverly Sorrell: "Most of all I'll miss all sport activities and the coaches."

Frank Saunders: "I shall miss all the fabulous girls."

Emmie Green: "Most of all I shall miss all of the smiling faces of my classmates and instructors."

Roscoe Pullen: "I will miss the girl I never met."

John Scott: "I'll miss the 'horrible' years at Dunbar and Mr. Mitchell's class."

Doris Carter: "I'll miss all my friends and teachers especially E. L. C."

George Bradley: "I'll miss all the cute Sophomore girls."

DeLois Moseley: "I'll miss that special G-U-Y."

Thomas Evans: "I'll miss most of all the hard training for sports, plus and, of course, the 'girlies'."

Blanche Smith: "I'll miss all my friends especially the 5th Period Study Hall."

Vernell Brown: "I'll miss that delicious chocolate P-U-D-D-I-N'."

Yvonne Andrews: "I will miss Mr. Mitchell's class very much."

Alfred Jones: "I will miss my many friends and all the delightful social events."

Langston Walker: "I will miss going to detention after school and the young ladies."

Nancy Lee: "All the homework and other assignments we have daily."

Joseph Pullen: "Most of all I will miss some of the young

Any one of Miss Lomax's Latin students will tell you that the words, rather freely translated, mean "always ready."

Now, more than ever before, the high school (or college) graduate needs to be prepared. "For what?" you may ask. That's a good question, and it is the point of this brief article. The graduate today must be prepared for any circumstance.

In the Marine Corps the recruit undergoes training which fits him mentally, physically, and spiritually for any type of duty, and for various types of emergencies. Whether his duty is at home or abroad, on land, on the sea, or in the air, he will be ready! He must be, because he prepares the way for those who follow.

The same is true of today's graduates. You must be ready and prepared to live in a world whose form and shape are changing under your very eyes. Social customs and patterns of living in our democratic society of the present and future require that you be ready to meet them.

Marines usually undergo training which is called simulated warfare. They make mock landings on beachheads, they storm objectives amidst the firing of live ammunition, they scale heights during mock bombing attacks—all to prepare them for the real thing.

So, too, your school instructs you in the fundamentals, affords you opportunities in athletics, music, and drama; provides organizations for you to show leadership, urges you to share in other extra-curricula activities—all to provide an environment which is like the one you will find in out-of-school life.

Our parting words to you then, are "Semper Paratus." And we hope these "two words to the wise—"

Having slowly progressed up the ladder for four and one half years, I can look farther ahead with more surety now. Whenever I look back, I think of the hard work through the years, good times, the "dark and petulant" days, happy times with friends, and the gay socials of the "old" days.

Yes, even little things seem important now, such as the semester rotation of homeroom classes, the expectation from wondering who the new homeroom teacher would be, and in the senior year, the great anticipation to make room 204 a homeroom. Rumor had it that perhaps the Senior "Mother" wouldn't rear the mid term graduates. This caused us much dismay, but alas, in vain! "Mother" Jordan sent others along the way and welcomed newcomers to the "family."

Dunbar's social activities, which stimulated school spirit and better work, added much to the coloring of the four year educational program. Such events as the carnivals, the fabulous May Days, the Homecoming parades, proms, dances, plays, games, tours and concerts all helped to make the four years go faster. This rapid passing of time doesn't lessen the learning instincts, but it sharpens them for everyone knows that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Keeping to the grind may sharpen the blade, but a thin blade also may not last as long as one which is sharpened gradually.

The curriculum has been greatly improved and increased during the past four years. I see many opportunities opening for future graduates. Since the door of opportunity beckons, a student's reasoning may not be limited in his choice of a course, but he may feel free to choose freely any course he wishes with the surety

ahead will be greater than ever. You have developed certain skills in typewriting, shorthand, record keeping, using business machines, and clerical and receptionist duties. Those skills will increase only as you USE them. Along with those skills, however, be sure that you continue to develop wholesome attitudes toward other people and toward business as a whole.

that he will have made a wise choice. The business course, which is comparatively new to this graduating class has been one of the predominate courses selected by the Seniors. With the many improvements and additions made in the curriculum, the ladder to success or to our determined goal can be climbed more readily.

Our teachers who gently shoved us on our way up this ladder when we faltered or tottered on its rung, should not be thought of as persons who are here just to teach us, but as friends who are also climbing this never ending ladder to success—whose goals may be to instill in the young minds of their students, not just reading, writing, and arithmetic, but the responsibilities that come with the many opportunities offered them and the independability and dependability that they, the teachers, have gained from experience.

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## The Ideals We Live By

Ideals, the system of values by which men live, are of supreme importance in the life of the individual and in the life of the nation. Ideals are practical. Woven into the personality structure of the individual citizen, they give him a map of

their willingness to co-operate and sacrifice for the common good—all these are rooted in and grow out of the ideals that lie at the base of a particular way of life.

But ideals do more than give the individual a guide to his own personal behavior, they do more than define the terms upon which he will meet and mingle and work with others; they equip the individual citizen with a measure of men and institutions, a measure he can apply to those seeking positions of leadership, to the workings of the whole complex pattern of social arrangements and institutions.

For the individual, then, it is his system of values that gives life meaning, that equips him for effective and fruitful living in home and community, that make it possible for him to share in the work of improving conditions under which men live in his own society and throughout the world.

Ideals are no less important in the life of a society than they are in the lives of the individuals composing it. A society is possible only because the individuals that form it have a common sense of reality and are bound together by common loyalties. It is this body of core values, this wide community of ideas and ideals that gives a society its basic pattern, that holds it together and prevents it from becoming a mere aggregation of individuals without purpose or goal.

More important still, systems of social relationships attain the status of social institutions only when they are accepted as being in conformity with the essential value premises of society. In other words, social

will miss some of the young girls who have just come to Dunbar and not being able to play basketball for Dunbar"

William York: "I'll miss jiving the young settings."

Lawrence Spencer: "I'll miss a certain Sophomore girl with the initials M. P."

George Cobbins: "Most of all I will miss standing on the corner in the mornings 'digging' the settings and checking the happenings."

Janice Robinson: "I'll miss all of the friendships I have gained the last five years and all the fun I have had."

Barbara King: "I'll miss my friends and instructors."

Collene Anderson: "I will miss Hayes Banks, but I'll find another guy."

Stanford Ferguson: "I will miss all the good and bad things with which I have come in contact during the last five years."

Frances Abrams: "I will miss all of my friends as well as my teachers and especially a certain setting."

Jean Hubbard: "I will miss all the teachers, the extra-curricular activities, and my classmates."

Carolyn Lewis: "I will miss all the nice teachers and their wise and good advice."

institutions—the family, the community, the church, the state, the economy, the school—are merely the carriers and implementers of the ideals which men entertain.

All this is but to say that it is the ideals that men live by that determine the quality of their individual lives and of the civilization they achieve. Ideals are the measure of a man and they are the measure of a civilization.

## June Birthdays

By Gladys Tweedy  
 Congratulations to the following Seniors who celebrate their birthday during this month.  
 Best wishes to the teachers and other students.

Seniors: Geraldine Brown, Helen Cox, Jean Hubbard, Raymond Loving, John Scott.

Miss Bowman, June 12; Miss Brown, June 24; Miss Fain, June 10.

Alvin Banks, Linda Banks, Ervin Bradley, Jean Bradley, Richard Brown, Ernest Burford, Evelyn Clements, Carroll Coleman, Ruth Covington, Betty Cunningham, Ruby Cunningham, Robert Davis, Bobby Glass, Richard Hicks, Darlene Higgins, Harry Holmes, Yvonne Hughes, Edwin Hull, Delores Johnson, Yvonne Jones, Shirley Kendrick, Lloyd Lee, Dabney McCain, Jerald Morris, John  
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## DREAM BOY

**How would you like to have a date with this dream boy before he leaves Dunbar?**

He would possess the following qualifications:

He would dress like George Cobbins.

Have the physique of Tom Evans.

Hair like William Early.

Cuteness of John Scott.

Dancing ability of William Yorke.

Singing ability of Langston Walker.

Popularity of Frank Saunders.

Athletic ability of Joseph Pullen.

Neatness of Silas Snead.

Friendliness of Stanley Smith.

Leadership of Beverly Sor-

## P. T. A. Elects Officers

By Jean Irvine

The May 24, 1954 meeting of the Dunbar High School Parent-Teachers Association was the last meeting of the year; only business was transacted at this meeting. It was voted that necessary money be given to the school for Commencement decorations. Mr. C. W. Seay, the principal, announced that Class Night Exercises will be held in the Payne School auditorium on Monday, June 14, and that Commencement Exercises will be held on Tuesday, June 15, in the E. C. Glass auditorium.

Officers chosen for the 1953-'54 school year are president, Mr. H. A. M. Johns; vice-president, Mrs. Edna Scott; recording secretary, Mrs. Lena Pullen; assistant secretary, Mrs. Dora Hubbard; financial secretary, Mrs. Mildred Brown; and treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Winston.

Mr. H. A. M. Johns, the president, and Mrs. Nannie Winston attended the Sixth District P. T. A. Congress in Covington, Virginia in May. They will make their report in the fall.

P. T. A. cards were given to all members who had paid their annual dues.

## Spin The Platter

By Lacy Blair

The "Proposal" to Claudith Irvine, Glenda Mitchell and Helen Cox.

"Lovey Dovey" to John Scott.

The "Recessional" to all graduating Seniors.

"Shake a Hand" to Mr. Seay from Seniors.

"Gee" to William York.

"Such a Night" to Junior-Sen-

## State Student Participation Asso. Sponsor Speaks

By Delois Mosley

The student council is an organization of students which represents the student body. The aim of a student council is to improve citizenship. The pledge of the student council should be taken into the hearts of the faculty and the students. These were some of the thoughts that Miss Lillian Weaver, State sponsor of Student Participation Association of Virginia, expressed in her address at Dunbar High School on the occasion of the Student Council Installation Services May 21, 1954 at 2:00 P. M.

After the processional, devotions by Alice Franklin, and a selection "Lift Thine Eyes" by the Girls' Glee Club, the newly-elected Student Council officers were installed by Helen Cann. The new officers are: president, Raymond Holmes; vice-president, Starling Merritt; secretary Delores Colmore; treasurer, Jean Irvine; and reporter, Helen Williams. Following the installation the president, Raymond Holmes, made remarks and expressed his gratitude for being elected.

The speaker was introduced by Helen Williams after the Glee Club sang "When I Have Sung My Song."

After the speech Mr. Seay made remarks of appreciation for the council and the speaker. Following the singing of the "Alma Mater" was the recessional.

"The greatest thing a man can have is loyalty." This is the Student Council's Motto. Their symbol is a hand shake.

## Elmer Henderson Speaks At Nat. Society Induction

By Carolyn Price

The Dunbar High Student Body, many parents and friends heard Elmer Henderson, Chairman of the Council on Human Rights, address the seven inductees of the Hill City Chapter of the National Honor Society on the afternoon of May 20, 1954 at 2:00 P. M. in the auditorium.

Prior to the speech was processional "God of Our Fathers," "The National Anthem," devotions by Frank Saunders; and "God Painted A Picture" by the chorus; and the initiation ceremony. Carolyn Lewis said that the new members were chosen on the basis of their leadership, scholarship, service and character. Speaking on service, leadership, scholarship, and character respectively were Janice Robinson, Doris Carter, Shirley Claxton, and Emmie Green. After DeLois Moseley introduced the new members: Jean Hubbard, Carolyn Elliott, Blanche Smith, Roscoe Pullen, Freddie Cunningham, Jean Irvine, and Lacy Blair, Mr. C. W. Seay presented them pens. Both the old and new members recited the pledge.

Following the invitation, Mr. Seay introduced the speaker. At the conclusion of the service everyone sang the "Alma Mater."

From 3:30 P. M. to 4:00 a reception was held in the Commercial Foods Department. The members of the National Honor Society, the speaker, and the committee members were entertained at a luncheon in the Home Economics Cottage the same day.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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## Poets' Corner

**Our Friends** by James Johnson  
 The dear and gentle friends of whom

We dwell with day by day,  
 We feel so very close to them  
 In every sort of way.

It's seldom that we hesitate  
 To give a friendly joke,  
 Or give them keys to happiness  
 And wish them joy and hope.

We greet their smiles with  
 great array  
 And often stop to chat,  
 About the happenings of the  
 day  
 Or just of this and that.

And sometimes there is loneliness  
 That irks the heart and soul,  
 That's when we find out just  
 how much  
 True faith, a friend can really  
 hold.

For there is one who will stop  
 by  
 To offer deeds of good,  
 Then there is the other character  
 Who wouldn't stop if he  
 could.

But no matter what we chance  
 to do  
 As long as we try hard,  
 We'll find true friends of gratitude  
 Inspired by the grace of God.

**Graduation** by Levi Morris

1. Now the day has come  
 For pupils that have reached  
 one goal,  
 One Height!  
 And leaving dear old Dunbar  
 and going out of sight.
2. Looking through the years  
 with time and thought  
 Thinking of the hardships  
 they have fought,  
 Thinking of the times when  
 they have slept

Leadership of Beverly Sorrell.  
 Cheerfulness of Robert Penick.  
 Artistic ability of Edward Jackson.  
 Liveliness of Claude Davis.  
 Frankness of George Bradley.  
 Expressiveness of Stanford Ferguson.  
 You'd better hurry and put your application in!

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 Have the shape of Helen Cox.  
 Hair like Barbara Anderson.  
 The cuteness of Barbara Pannell.  
 The dancing ability of Mary Hall.  
 The singing ability of Carolyn Lewis.  
 The popularity of Helen Camm.  
 The athletic ability of Mildred Coles.  
 The neatness of Janet Lee.  
 The friendliness of Vernell Brown.  
 The leadership of Shirley Claxton.  
 The cheerfulness of Delois Moseley.  
 The charm of Emmie Green.  
 The liveliness of Alvalaz Hale.  
 The frankness of Doris Carter.  
 The expressiveness of Emmie Green.

### Art Winner

Betty Jean Brown recently won \$1.00 as honorable mention winner in the first Afro Magazine Coloring Contest.

"Gee" to William York.  
 "Such a Night" to Junior-Senior Prom goers.  
 "Too Late for Tears" to Seniors who will have to go to Summer School.  
 "O O O Wee" to Doris Carter.  
 "You're Still My Baby" to a certain girl.  
 "Should've Been Me" from the Gang.  
 "Hot Tamales" to Lawrence Spencer.  
 "You're So Fine" from the Freshmen to the Seniors.  
 "Say a Prayer" from Seniors

bol is a hand shake.  
 to Freshmen.  
 "Will You Be True?" from Seniors to Juniors.  
 "Darling Dear" to Dunbar from Seniors.  
 The "Alma Mater" will always linger in the Seniors' hearts.

### ANSWER TO "GUESS WHO"

Did you guess that this distinguished person is none other than our principal, Mr. C. W. Seay?

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Morris, Levi Morris, Walter Parrish, Macon Patterson, Marion Perry, Louise Reynolds, Margaret Richeson, James Robinson, Paul Robinson, Geraldine Robey, Geraldine Saunders, Bettie Smith, Duvall Stamps, Wilburn Tanner, Mary Thomas, Shirley Tolliver, Maggie Trimmier, Henry White, Charles York.  
 So long and may my successor achieve more by doing the Birthdays than I did.

Thinking of the times when they have slept  
 And how fast the moments have crept.  
 Thinking of the teachers whom they loved so well  
 Thinking of the places they have dwelled,  
 Thinking of the things they loved the best,  
 And never a thought of what was worst.  
 3. Now your thoughts veer away and they hear,  
 Your full name being challenged near;  
 And you proudly march the aisle with your head in the air,  
 Knowing then what your Diploma will bear;  
 Knowing not what your next stop will be,  
 Knowing only of the dark and endless sea;  
 Knowing not what the steps of life are like,  
 Knowing not, if once started there's no turning back.  
 4. Now you sit reminiscing,  
 And you wonder,  
 If this is all you want of life;  
 Twelve years—Maybe longer,  
 Ah, me, what a price!  
 5. A purple and a golden ribbon,  
 With your name printed below,  
 A piece of paper you've been given  
 A piece of paper you adore!  
 6. But keep thought of it in the meantime,  
 Never wonder, think, or know;  
 Never misjudge that piece of paper  
 Never stop, keep on the go;  
 Never turn from a good beginning  
 Never think about your ending,  
 And life will give you what it owes  
 Life always gives what it owes.



THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to right: Starling Merritt, Benjamin Carter, Wanda Jones, Hayes Banks, Helen Williams, Alice Franklin, Alpha Coles, Melvin York, Jean Irvine, Ernest Mosbey, Elsie Wright, John Hughes and Raymond Holmes.

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Unforgettable Moments

By William Yorke

In your athletic days at Dunbar what is the one moment which you will never forget?

"Pete" Sorrell: "I'll never forget the Homecoming game in 1953 with Parker-Gray and their 210 lb. fullback."

Tom Evans: "I'll never forget running 98 yds. for a touchdown against Danville in 1953 and 78 yds. against Burley in the same year."

Frank Saunders: "I'll never forget the two basketball games that I helped to overcome in the last few seconds over Maggie Walker and Burley."

Joseph Pullen: "I'll never forget the football game between Gretna and Dunbar when I hopped forty yds. for my first touchdown."

Stan Smith: "I'll never forget the day I pole vaulted 10'7" on the dustbowl."

Wayland Mitchell: "I'll never forget the football game between Portsmouth and Dunbar when I got beat in the mouth (and bad.)"

Edward Jackson: "The two points I made in the game between Dunbar and Booker T. of Staunton in 1954."

William Yorke: "I'll never forget the Penn Relays when I ran the third leg of the two mile relay and ran the mile in 4:35—my best time yet."

George Cobbins: "I shall never forget the game in which we battled Norcum who had beaten us for four years. After 60 long minutes we came through 0-0."

### The Guide Meet

## It's Gabbing Time

Well, kids, the end of the year has come and with it many changes from what was happening in September; for instance, H. G. and C. L. were really close, but within this nine month period there have been many changes on her side. There were J. A. and S. S., who really "goofed."

D. M. really stepped in on J. S. and E. C., but you can believe, J. S. will never be lonesome for a new love.

Did the French Club ever have its wiener roast? Cloudy skies gave them a tough time.

Those light blue jackets worn by "Louis the Lover" and "Guy" really are fabulous.

"Bald" and Shirley (Roanoke) were cool at the prom, eh?

Well, Mr. Waters you have three entire months without worry about your boys.

We never realized we had girls on the track team until the boys returned from their trips.

Miss Brown, we must compliment you on your unique earrings.

So-and-So really fooled us about his guest at the prom.

Will H. W. and C. E. be able to overcome their little interruption, R. J.—or is that a big interruption?

The Seniors contributed a great deal to this column. We'll certainly miss them.

Henry's dirty bucks are really cool!!!

We hope you enjoyed your trip, Mr. Mitchell.

L. B.'s orange shoes and B. T.'s yellow shoes really attract attention—and we do mean "attract."

J. T. went to the prom with C. D. (unchaperoned??), but she has eyes for J. H., Jr. (III.)

The Madison Heights, Rustburg, Roanoke and Stuart Hill

## CLASSES MAKE EDUCATIONAL TOUR

On Friday morning, May 28, 1954, the Art Classes and English Classes of Dunbar left to go on an educational tour of Williamsburg, Virginia. The group of 29 students was taken by Mrs. Wayland Mitchell and was chaperoned by Mrs. Zaida C. Edley and Mrs. Elynor R. Goodwyn.

Enroute to Williamsburg, they had lunch on the campus of Virginia State College and later crossed the James River on the Jamestown Ferry. Jamestown is the site of the first permanent English settlement in America (1607.) Today, there is no actual town of Jamestown. Exhibits included the old Church Tower, the Memorial Church, monuments, ruins and foundations of old Jamestown. Students especially enjoyed the museum which displays many handmade objects, excavated on the town site which was used by the early settlers.

Six miles southwest of Jamestown is Williamsburg. There, the students saw slides on Old Williamsburg and the Williamsburg as it now exists. The area on exhibit is spoken of as the "restored area."

In this area, every effort has been made to keep Williamsburg as it was years ago. Art students were most interested in the architecture of the colonial town. The buildings are very quaint and many have or are being re-shingled with handmade shingles made on the campus of Hampton Institute. In many of the exhibit houses men and women are dressed as people did in colonial times and for the benefit of the many student photographers on

## Dunbar High School

By Harriet Ferguson

Located in the heart of Lynchburg is the city's only Negro high school—Dunbar. This lively and uniform structure consists of four parts. The main building, which is beginning to show traces of age, depends on nature's features to lend it color. Its facade is adorned with one large entrance where traces of constant use is exemplified. Above this entrance the rustic appearance of the words "Dunbar High School" shouts a welcome to all who pass by. To the side two giant-like columns stand like sentinels keeping watch over all who enter this portal, their gleaming white, long since inscribed by myriad fingerprints.

To the right is the trade shop, the mecca of modern machinery and utilities convenient to many who wish to increase their knowledge of skills.

To the rear stands the immaculate Amelia Pride House in all its opulence. This building excretes an elaborate air.

The school proudly awaits all who wish to take advantage of its educational opportunities.

## Final Professional Meeting Held

By Selena Green

The Home Economics Cottage was the scene of the last professional meeting of the Dunbar High School faculty. Appearing on the last panel discussion were the Physical Education teacher, Miss Shirley Harrison, one of the science teachers, Mr. Thomas Murray, and another science teacher, Mr. Hunter D. Hamlett.

## Classified Column

**Final Rites Held:** The final rites of the beloved Class of 1954 will be conducted at E. C. Glass High School Auditorium, Tuesday, June 15, 1954 at 8:15 P. M. Beverly Sorrell officiating.

### Card of Thanks:

The Class of 1954 wishes to thank Mr. Seay and the teachers for the kindness and sympathy during the past five years, for the use of the class rooms and passing report cards.

**For Rent:** Two lovely, well-kept rooms. Complete with blackboards, desks and semi-modern conveniences. Close to bus line. Only Seniors need apply.

### Help Wanted—Male:

Football and basketball players needed. Alertness, energy, and ability to comprehend required. See Coach Waters for details.

**For Sale:** Notebooks (French, English, Science) 25c and 30c. Books, Reports, and Translations cheap.

**Wanted:** An excellent prankster to take the place of William Yorke. Must be capable of disturbing classes and not too interested in graduating.

**Wanted:** Two efficient secretaries to fill vacancies left by Joyce McCain and Doris Carter in the assistant-principal's office. Only those interested in efficiency need apply.

Speech H. Organizes

## The Guide Meet Rained Out

Dunbar High traveled to Portsmouth, Virginia, Saturday, May 15, only to be disappointed. The *Journal and Guide* Track Meet was called off due to bad weather and a wet track.

Some of the Poets had been placed in top places for the running of the following heats respectively: 800 run, William Yorke and Tom Mack; 100-yd. dash, Tom Evans; 440, Frank Saunders; 220, Tom Evans; and the mile, Yorke.

The Poets (Dark Stars) of the meet would have been Tommy Cardwell, "Pudding" Mosley, and "Flash" Banks. Our ready team with Tom Evans, Pete Sorrell, and Tom Mack would have been missing the anchor man, Frank Saunders, that day due to an exam he had to take.

## Hall of Fame

In a "Hall of Fame" we expect to find tribute paid to some outstanding persons. So we build an imaginary "Hall" in which we place the names of a few Seniors who have excelled in sports. These persons well deserve recognition and praise in their struggle for perfection in the various sports activities in which they were never satisfied with mediocrity.

### Football

George Cobbins, Beverly Sorrell  
Thomas Evans

### Tennis

Joseph Pullen, George Haskins

### Track

William Yorke

### Relay Team

Beverly Sorrel, Thomas Evans  
Frank Saunders

### Basketball

William Yorke, Joseph Pullen  
Frank Saunders

she in eyes for J. H., Jr. (III).  
The Madison Heights, Rustburg, Roanoke and Stuart Hill girls are really popular with the boys here, eh?

Weren't we all surprised to see J. B. at the prom with J. A. and J. P. with K. E.

The gifts for class night are to be very fabulous. Right, "Frog" and "Slitty?"

We understood weeks before the prom that R. J. and J. T. were to have some fabulous gowns.

Not all of us have the nerve to cut the name of "our love" in our arms as "Bald" and R. P. If you ever quarrel or break up with her, you have to cut the arm off!!

George Harris finally worked up to his driving license.

Did M. H. make it to the prom this year?

Congratulations to the Seniors and "thanks" to those who contributed to this column.

Au revoir until September.

## Guess Who?

Born in a neighboring state to the west of Virginia, this month's "Guess Who" is now a resident of Lynchburg. The "Guess Who" taught school in the far west for three years, was the former president of the Sixth District Teachers Association and the Virginia State Teachers Association, was a member of the Virginia Advisory Committee to the State Board of Education, and has worked under three Lynchburg superintendents. Now weighing over two hundred pounds, this man weighed one hundred fifty pounds when he came to Lynchburg. His hair is thinning on top and greying on the sides. He is a member of a Fraternity and of the Methodist Church. He is married to a Lynchburg girl. Do you know him?

times for the benefit of the many student photographers on the trip, these people were kind enough to pose for snapshots.

## Dunbar In June

By Levi Morris

It is the only Negro High School in these old worn down hills

It is in the very heart of town that this fine building was built.

When coming North on the Twelfth Street hill, the first thing you will see

Is Dunbar's shouting letters like the sound of the roaring sea.

You look up at the northside (and there's a southside to your back)

And see why all over Lynchburg this old building is so liked.

The columns on the left and right have seen a many a thing—

They tell it to the whispering winds that come and go and sing.

And her steps have held many a foot that often left big tracks,

For when they left, they knew something new that couldn't be carried in sacks.

Now, on this bright and sunny day it stands here like a tree Tall, alive, and beautiful like a much remembered leaf.

You walk down to the east side and there stands the shop,

Which looks up to Dunbar like a criminal to a cop.

But now we are walking north again across the Northside yard.

And there sits the Pride House like a painting on a card.

It is late in June and we must go and leave old Dunbar here—

Still standing tall in the mid-day sun with all our memories dear.

Murray, and another science teacher, Mr. Hunter D. Hamlett. In carrying on the year's theme, they spoke on the topic, "What Can the Teachers Do to Curb Juvenile Delinquency."

## What Has Literature Done For Me?

These excerpts from class papers may serve as a culmination to the study of literature in high school for the seniors. Many varied opinions have been weighed, and the ones which best sum up the same ideas are given here.

"Reading literature helps me to relax after a hard day's work."

—William Yorke

"Tantalizing essays, exquisite novels, and stimulating poems have to be interpreted; and by reading them I am offered challenges to critical and judicial thinking and to constant practices in reasoning."

—Doris Carter

"Along with the development of reading, literature has aided me in the development of a larger vocabulary. From the word "walk" in the first grade, it has developed to "ambulate."

—Janice Robinson

"Through literature I have learned two things in particular: how to read and how to select the material which I read."

—George Bradley

"Besides helping me to increase my knowledge and giving me a better understanding of the lives of our forefathers, I think literature has been instrumental in helping me to really appreciate the world in which I was born, a world in which I am able to obtain a sufficient amount of education to become almost anything I wish and in an age in which the authors, poets, and dramatists are as energetic and skillful as ever, preparing literature for the

## Speech II Organizes Club

By Constance Anderson

As a culmination to the study of Parliamentary Procedure, the Speech II class organized on May 25th a club which they named The Future Parliamentary Leaders Club. The following officers were elected:

President—DELORES JOHNSON

Vice-President—

SHIRLEY TWEEDY

Secretary—PHYLLIS ANDERSON

Assistant Secretary—

BARBARA REYNOLDS

Treasurer—BARBARA EARLY

Reporter—

CONSTANCE ANDERSON

The members have agreed on two objectives:

(1) To learn correct practices of parliamentary procedures.

(2) To improve the speech of its members.

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So many paths may lead to so many treasures, but always there's one sure path—perhaps it is the path these '54 graduates have chosen. There is only one ladder though which leads to success. There are no detours, outlets, or shortcuts as in a path, but each step, must be carefully taken so that our feet in their upward plod to reach a goal may hold firm on its rungs. We can't afford to stop on this ladder, for we have a long way to go.

"The ladder to success is never ending."—Senior Class Motto (1954.)

appreciation of the future generations."

—Nancy Lee

"Quotations are most helpful to me especially when I am feeling sad or even angry."

—Carolyn Taylor